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THE MISSION OF
SAN DIEGUITO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH IS TO
MINISTER to the hopes and
hurts of a troubled world,
NURTURE people in a
community of grace, and
INVITE all persons to
new life in Jesus Christ.

Worship Services
9:00 & 10:45 am

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Sunday School

Pre-K thru High School at 9:00

Pre-K thru 3rd Grade at 10:45

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 1st

Tuesday | Noon | Conf. Room
Caregivers Support Luncheon

— ALSO —

6:30 pm | Lounge

United Methodist Men

NOVEMBER 6th

All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 10th

Thursday | 10:30 am | Lounge
Pinochle

NOVEMBER 11th

Friday | OFFICE CLOSED
Veterans Day Holiday

NOVEMBER 14th

4:00 pm | Conference Room
Book Group

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**light
YOUR
WORLD**

What a celebration! Our Day of Service involved an astounding 400 volunteers helping the community. A big thanks goes to our project managers: Mike Breider, Cindy Callant, Randa Krakow, Mindy Scher and Doug Shopinsky. Our team leaders for the 35 projects and all of you who participated or supported us in other ways contributed to making our second *Light YOUR World* Day of Service a great success.

This year I would ask each of you to not wait until next year to find that place that speaks to you and continue to volunteer. Get a group together and see what changes we can make as we start planning for next year. If you have any ideas or groups that you would like to work with for next year, please contact me and I will add it to our list.

We have now started to become a church of mission and I challenge each one of you to dream big and let's just see what God has in store for those of us who have listening ears and eager hearts.

Thanks, once again, to all!
CINDY BREIDER



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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NOVEMBER 14th

Monday | 6:30 pm | FH

Charge Conference

NOVEMBER 15th

Tuesday | 1:00 pm | Kitchen

Bread of Life Dinner Prep

NOVEMBER 18th

Friday | 7:00 pm | Lounge

Bridge Group

NOVEMBER 20th

Sunday | 9:00 am | Sanctuary

Baptism Sunday

NOVEMBER 22nd

Tuesday | Noon | Lounge

“New Phase”

NOVEMBER 24th/25th

Thursday/Friday | OFFICE CLOSED

Thanksgiving Holiday

NOVEMBER 28th

Monday | 10:00 am | Lounge

SDUMC Knitters

NOTE: Knitters—Cancelled on 11/14

NOVEMBER 30th

Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Lounge

Newcomer Orientation

WELCOME DESSERT

ONGOING

MONDAYS

6:30 pm | Pandora Johnson's

Young Adult Potluck

7:30 pm | Room 6

AA Big Book Study

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am | Room 6

Overeaters Anonymous

7:00 pm | Jay & Wanda Williams'

Bible Study

8:00 pm | Basement Room

AA Big Book Study

THURSDAYS

7:00 pm | Mike & Ann King's

Centering Prayer

TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

6:30 am | Room 6

& SATURDAYS

8:00 am | Lounge

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MARK FELDMER
Senior Minister

Pensamientos

Dear Friends,

After another incredible *Light YOUR World Day of Service*, I hope you have found renewed enthusiasm for making every day an opportunity to serve and bear witness to the love of Jesus in our community. As I reflect on the lessons learned from this experience and how each of us can continue to carry out the mission of Jesus, a few thoughts come to mind.

(1) **FIND YOUR PASSION**—When you think about the real human needs of our community and world, what seems to stand out most for you? When you pray for needs other than your own, what needs rise to the top? When you think about your particular gifts and experiences in life, how has God uniquely shaped you for service at this point in your life? What gives you joy, or makes you feel most fully alive? Frederick Buechner says that wherever your deepest joys intersect with the world's deepest needs, you have found your calling.

(2) **FORM PARTNERSHIPS**—You are not called to serve alone. Jesus sent his disciples out two-by-two for several reasons: (a) *for accountability*—we need others to help us stay focused on the mission, especially when there are obstacles or challenges and we lose sight of our goals or lose our joy in serving; (b) *for sustainability*—because ministry can often be physically exhausting and emotionally draining, having someone stand with us and work alongside us is not only empowering and heartening, but it's often the antidote to compassion fatigue; (c) *for diversity*—because some people have gifts and talents that we do not possess, we are stronger and more effective when, as the Apostle Paul says, “all the parts of the body work together.” We need one another, just as a body needs all of its parts.

(3) **GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION**—If you wait around for the world to open up doors for you to serve or make a difference, you'll be forever stuck at the starting line. Serving in the name of Christ means knocking on those doors, seizing opportunities, creating new realities, taking initiative. Because Jesus gave his followers the Great Commission, you don't need to ask the world for its permission to make a difference. In fact, if you ask the world for permission, it will likely refuse. Jesus said, over and over again, “Go and do...” On most days, that's all the permission you need.

(4) **IGNORE PEDIGREES**—You don't need a resume or a degree to serve in the name of Jesus, nor do you need to be perfect. His disciples were ordinary people who heard an extraordinary call on their lives to follow and serve. Even Paul, in noting all of his past accomplishments as a Jewish leader, said that his qualifications were all rubbish once he found Christ. The way of servanthood is marked by humility and honest self-awareness; it is absent of ego and self-justification. You have everything you need to serve effectively, and what you lack, God will provide you.

(5) **PRAY UNCEASINGLY**—When you serve in the name of God, but forget to spend time with God, you become, as Paul said, “like a noisy gong or a clanging symbol.” To serve in love, you must stay in love with God, and that requires the disciplines of our faith: prayer, worship and devotion, reading scripture, receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, and fellowship with others.

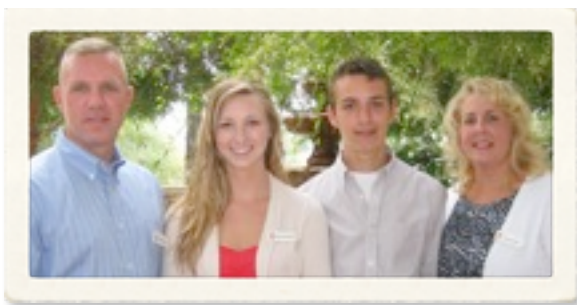
Every day is an opportunity to be a light to our world. How will you be a light today?

Yours in Service,

Rev. Mark



CHURCH OFFICE Holiday Closings for November
Friday—NOVEMBER 11th: *Veterans Day* AND Thursday/Friday—NOVEMBER 24th/25th: *Thanksgiving*



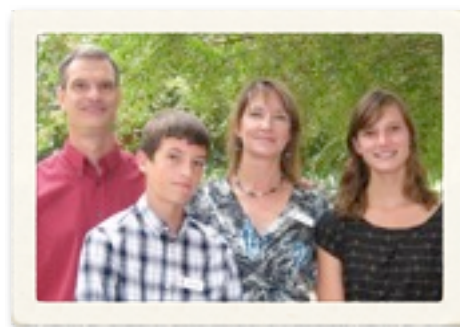
◀ **Randy, Laurel, Erin & Grant Hickok**—Originally from Texas, the Hickok family moved here two months ago from northern California. Randy is in the Solar business and moved to the San Diego area to get more involved in solar energy. Randy and Grant are very involved in Scouting and Grant, a 9th grader, is a cross country athlete. He and his sister,

Erin (11th grade), both attend La Costa Canyon High School and the entire family is excited about the SDUMC youth program.



◀ **Samantha Hodges**—Samantha began her journey in faith quite recently and is excited about getting involved at SDUMC. She is a 10th grader at San Dieguito Academy and an avid tennis player. Her father, Barry, joined our church earlier this year.

Barb, Dave, Kaitlynn & Jacob McCulloh ▶



The McCullohs met

in college. Dave is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps and they have been married for 19 years.

They are originally from southern New England. Daughter Kaitlynn is a high school senior and “Jake” is a freshman. Barb has a strong Methodist background and has been especially impressed

with the choir because her prior experiences did not include choirs of the size and quality as at SDUMC.



◀ **Leighann & Rob Price and Family**—Rob and Leighann have been married for 11 years and have three children: Zachary (8), Ashleigh (6) and Henry (2). Rob and Leighann are originally from California, and moved to Carlsbad last year after 11 years in Arizona. Rob is an engineer for Mitre Corporation and enjoys coaching his son’s Little League Baseball Team, playing tennis with his kids and spending time with his family. Leighann taught first grade before staying home with the children. While in Arizona, Leighann served as the Children’s Director at St. Paul’s UMC in Tucson. The Price family is excited to join SDUMC and look forward to building a new church family.

What an exciting year we have ahead of us as a congregation! Our mission delegations are getting into full swing for the winter months and planning has begun for next year. You have an opportunity right now to become part of several unique experiences in the life of our Church. From **January 6th to 9th, 2012**, we will take a group to the heart of Los Angeles and learn what life is like on the streets of a major city. We will do some physical labor to spruce up/repair surroundings in an area of LA we usually prefer to ignore. We’ll spend time meeting some of the people we are there to assist. Every person has a life story and when we are willing to stop and listen, it can become a sacred story.

To build on this experience, we plan to travel to Nicaragua next summer from **July 28th to August 4th, 2012**.

Nicaragua is a fascinating country that has a population of 5½ million with only 67% literacy and is the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere; 45% of the population lives below the poverty line. This will be the first delegation from our church to go to Nicaragua to build relationships with those who have been marginalized by society. We will be hosted by a non-profit organization named *Entra Culturas/ Between Cultures*. They follow the Wesleyan model of social religion, or social holiness, combining faith with works that aims to bring about a more Christ-like and more socially just world. We will learn about current social, economic, and political realities of the country, but will also be able to share in that life by living with a family for a couple of days. The majority of the week

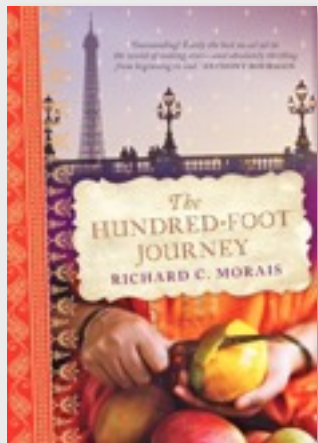
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Volunteer Opportunity AT CRC FOOD PANTRY

Help the Encinitas Community Resource Center expand their food pantry hours in this time of greater need. You can make a difference with just a couple of hours a week working at their food pantry. Contact the CRC’s COLLEEN COLLAZO—ccollazo@crcncc.org or 760.753.1156 ext. 1305, or our SDUMC Volunteer Coordinator JOHN SWAN—jjet65@yahoo.com or 760.942.3465.



SDUMC BOOK GROUP



The Hundred-Foot Journey

by RICHARD C. MORAIS

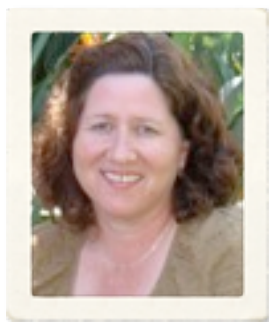
This biography is the book selection for Monday, **November 14th.**

We meet at 4:00 pm in the office conference room. Everyone is welcome!



WE WILL BE TAKING ORDERS

for the *Light YOUR World* Video and photo DVD. The cost of the video will be \$5 and all proceeds will go to support next years *Light YOUR World* Day of service. The DVD will include the Photo Slide Show created by DAN KINNEY as well as additional photos taken by our LYW Photography team. Please stop by the order table in Founders Hall to place your order.



MARTHA WINGFIELD
Associate Minister

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,...I believe it's not too late, Together, we can change the world....."

The soundtrack from our Light YOUR World DVD appears to be permanently imprinted on my brain. Wherever I go, I hear this song and recall the pictures of our congregation scattered for service and fellowship over the October 16th weekend. More importantly, the impressions that I take away from this year's experience include a renewed appreciation for the commitment and caring that was given by the steering committee and the team leaders under the capable leadership of Cindy Breider. Our thanks to them for so much "behind the scenes" preparation and planning.

But what made this weekend most significant for our congregational life was the participation in service by the 400 children, youth, adults, long time members and new friends of this congregation. Someone in my small group noted that this year felt different than last year. She experienced more of a sense that we as a congregation were sharing in a common understanding of what it means to be a church together. Rev. Mike Slaughter, the author of this year's small group study, reminds us that Jesus calls us to his mission—to change the world—to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed. We are not in the business of recruiting volunteers. We are growing in our understanding of what it means to be followers of Jesus and servants to those who need help."

I have heard several people ask "What's next?" That question is out there for each of us to answer. I am expectantly waiting and watching to see how the Spirit continues to move in the hearts of those who were touched by this experience and now feel called to engage with others in creative and purposeful service. Following Jesus, anything could happen!

In Christ,

Rev. Martha

Stewardship Update

The 2012 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing as we prepare for our *Consecration Sunday* on **November 13th**. "Estimate of Giving" cards are being sent to each household and various members of the congregation will be speaking each Sunday to share their understanding of stewardship. This year, it looks like the church budget will increase by about 5% to meet our goals—we're asking you to prayerfully consider matching that and more with your pledge for 2012 as you think about your own goals for investing in the life of the church.

How do we reconcile our commitments to family, the church, and the world? We've just finished the second *Light YOUR World* Day of Service, which hopefully opened the door for you to form new relationships within SDUMC and throughout our community. What a wonderful way that was to discover how 'you are the light of the world' (*Matthew 5*). Our annual stewardship commitment gives us a chance to *Shine On!* by financially supporting the goals and ministries of our church.

Even beyond that, our stewardship commitment calls us to renew our personal sense of mission and purpose within the church family. We all want a deeper awareness of God—that is the driving force behind gathering together each week. We're able to realize how we fit into the bigger picture in communion with one another. Feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship Committee to discuss your thoughts or ask questions in the next few weeks. We look forward to worshipping with you on Consecration Sunday.
Shine On!

RICK KENNEY
Chair—2012 Stewardship Campaign





SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN NOVEMBER

Advent Workshop

Save the date of Sunday, **December 4th** for the annual ADVENT WORKSHOP. Council of Children and Families' Ministries is planning an evening full of decorating ornaments and luminary bags, wrapping presents for charity, singing carols, an impromptu nativity pageant and a lovely lasagna dinner that somebody else cooks. Reservations will start in November and we will have gift tags available for the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau Adopt-a-Family project.

Plan to join us. Contact SHANNON KARLICEK at kids@encinitaschurch.com to RSVP or to help organize the event.

See you in Sunday School!

SHANNON KARLICEK
Director—Children's Ministries
kids@encinitaschurch.com



ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

The Forum meets on most non-holiday Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Lounge to discuss a wide range of secular and religious topics, some controversial, in an atmosphere of Christian love and mutual respect. We often invite expert guest speakers from our own parish or from the surrounding community.

We have three MUST SEE/ MUST HEAR Forums planned for November.

NOVEMBER 6th:

Meet our new SDUMC Youth Director. Come meet CHELSEA SIMON and find out why we are so fortunate that she has taken the position as Youth Director for both junior and senior high.

NOVEMBER 13th:

Gimme Shelter! Information and Volunteer Recruitment for SDUMC's 2012 Interfaith Shelter Network rotation. Come, join with us to see how you can help the homeless in our community.

NOVEMBER 20th:

33 in 3—a documentary about *Med4Nicaragua*, a 22-member medical team which went to Nicaragua in April 2011 to bring surgical procedures and medical care to the poor just outside Managua. (10:30 sharp to 12 noon.)

NOVEMBER 27th:

NO FORUM—
Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Please Join Us!

The WORSHIP COMMITTEE would like to invite you to consider the many ways of actively participating in making our worship services happen each week. There are roles to fulfill before, during and after services, front and center and behind the scenes. If you are interested in serving in any of the roles listed below, please contact info@encinitaschurch.com. Rev Martha will lead a Worship Workshop on Saturday, **November 12th** at 9:30 am for all who feel called to this ministry. If you have questions or would like more information, please call JANI SEPANIK at 760.438.8273.

- Bell Tower Ringer**—Families or individuals call the church to worship with the ringing of the Memorial Bell before each Sunday morning service.
- Communion Server**—Assists ministers with the serving of the bread and cup.
 - Communion Server to Homebound**—Delivers communion to home-bound congregants following Holy Communion, usually served the first Sunday of the month.
- Communion Steward**—Prepares bread and grape juice for Holy Communion. Includes setting the communion table for one or both of the Sunday services and cleaning up after worship.
- Fellowship Hall Preparer**—Prepares coffee and other refreshments for fellowship time between services.
- Flower Arranger**—Coordinates the flowers donated for the chancel.
- Greeter**—Welcomes worshipers and assists visitors during Sunday services.
 - Office Receptionist**—Monitors the church office on Sunday mornings, answering telephones, distributing material and directing inquiries as appropriate.
- Sunday School Teacher**—Guides a class of children learning about our faith.
 - Usher**—Distributes bulletins to the worshipers, assists those who have special needs, and receives the offering. An usher can serve one Sunday or more a month, at one or both services.

U M Y F

YOUTH NEWS

■ **Tuesday, November 1st**
Chill Sesh
4:00 to 7:00 pm | Youth Room

■ **Sunday, November 6th**
6:15 to 8:15 pm
Hunger Banquet
Junior/Senior High Community Dinner

■ **Tuesday, November 8th**
Chill Sesh
4:00 to 7:00 pm | Youth Room

■ **Sunday, November 13th**
U M Y F
Junior High—3:30 to 5:00 pm
Senior High—6:30 to 8:00 pm
(both in the Youth Room)

■ **Tuesday, November 15th**
Chill Sesh
4:00 to 7:00 pm | Youth Room

■ **Sunday, November 20th**
U M Y F
Junior High—3:30 to 5:00 pm
Senior High—6:30 to 8:00 pm
(both in the Youth Room)

■ **Tuesday, November 22nd**
Movie Night
8:00 pm | Youth Room

■ **Sunday, November 27th**
Junior/Senior High Bonfire
6:15 to 8:15 pm

■ **Tuesday, November 29th**
Chill Sesh
4:00 to 7:00 pm | Youth Room



CHELSEA SIMON
Youth Director

The Youth Directors in the San Diego United Methodist district meet once a month to plan upcoming events, support each other and focus on our call in this position. Lately we have been talking about our “non-negotiables” when it comes to our faith. A non-negotiable or staple of my faith is the belief that everyone is of sacred worth, whether on the street or in a mansion, we are all children of God.

A few years ago I heard this example of how a church should treat those on the margins and those in the congregation. There were two children jumping on the bed, having a grand old time, when one suddenly falls off the bed and hits their head. A good mother would run with urgency to take care of the hurt child but she would also invite the other child to help.

This is my goal for the youth program; for me to personally serve those who are hurting and are on the margins but also to invite the youth to do the same. It’s what Jesus did. Our call and our responsibility is to take care of “the least of these”. When we serve others we are serving Jesus.

Mother Teresa once said, “If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other”. We belong to each other as a youth program, we belong to each other as a Methodist Church, we belong to each other in this community of Encinitas, and we each belong to each other as children of God.

I believe that we are off to a great start! With *Light YOUR World*, the *Change the World* study, the upcoming Hunger Banquet and other service opportunities we have the chance to grow in Christ’s love together, to be examples of God’s peace and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As Desmond Tutu would say, “Go forth to make the world a better place, for you can make a difference. The task is daunting —of course, but it is our necessary struggle.”

Peace in Christ,
C H E L S E A



HELP DECORATE
OUR CHURCH FOR

Christmas Eve

Poinsettias (\$12) and
Luminaries (\$10) will be
sold each Sunday between
services, **November 27th**
to **December 18th**.

Please stop by the tables
in Founders Hall and
on the Playground.

Missions Corner CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

we will stay together in a center in Managua and then for a couple of nights with a host family. I have had this kind of experience in Nicaragua on seven occasions over the years, including four trips with my children and two with my husband, and have often learned more about my life than theirs; never once have I felt threatened. Nicaraguans are a very gracious, hospitable and spiritually rich people. We hope that after having this kind of delegation experience, we will come home with a rumbling in our hearts to work harder at establishing the Reign of God in the world now.

There are other mission opportunities you can also participate in. For instance, Mary Ann Jones is planning to represent our congregation on a work team in Mississippi through the United Methodist Church’s Katrina Relief Response. The dates are **January 28th to February 4th, 2012** and they are still accepting new team members. The Missions Committee works to facilitate any missions activity that is brought forward by members of the SDUMC congregation.

It’s not too late to consider any of these opportunities! Contact me, even if it’s just in wondering what these opportunities might be like, at kennedy.dakota@gmail.com or call 858.461.4231.



As we prepare for the holidays please keep in mind the two mission projects UMW is focusing on this year. We will be collecting GIFTS suitable for teenage youth that will be delivered to the Community Resource Center for their Christmas baskets program. Items to include are sweaters, shirts, socks, sweats, make-up kits, CDs, calculators, stationery, backpacks, handbags, games, sports watches, costume jewelry and books. We will also be collecting smaller gifts for *Neighborhood House*, Calexico to be used in the children's gift shop. These should be gifts appropriate for children to give their parents or siblings at a cost under \$1.00. These items will be collected at our annual CHRISTMAS TEA on **December 10th**.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

COLOSSIANS 3:15 (NIV)

MONTHLY GATHERING: **Wednesday, November 9th | 10:30 am | FH**
 PROGRAM: *New Entra Casa* HOSTED BY: Naomi Circle

november monthly gathering

Naomi Circle will be our host Wednesday, **November 9th** at 10:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for all women of the church to come together for fellowship over a light lunch. United Methodist Women membership is open to all women with a desire to join.

candle of commitment

Each year Women's Division determines how much it costs to be in mission for one minute. This year the cost is \$29.07 per minute. The *Candle of Commitment* is lit and burns during the Conference United Methodist Women

Annual Celebration in honor of women who work for peace & justice. Each local UMW Unit has the opportunity to select a person they wish to honor. The San Dieguito honoree this year is DOLORES WELTY for her many years of work for peace and justice both here and abroad.

She has been active in social action and environmental issues such as *Jubilee USA, Bread for the World, Witness for Peace, the Shoreline Study Center, Habitat Trust, San Elijo Conservancy* and the *California Environmental Law Project*, among others. Congratulations Dolores!



rummage sale wrap-up

The 2011 Rummage Sale was another HUGE success thanks to all those that donated unwanted and unused items that were transformed into treasures purchased by our shoppers. A Big THANK YOU to all the women and men that helped set up, organize and work during the sale to make it happen. The net proceeds totaled \$9500 and every dollar raised will be given to missions supported by United Methodist Women. This year most of the leftover merchandise was loaded up in a rental truck and taken to our *Methodist National Mission*, Calexico. Thank you to ANN CLARKE for making the arrangements for this secondary way of giving to mission!

UMW Membership is open to all women who desire to belong. For information, contact Karen Zerlaut, UMW President, at 760.942.1639.

umw calendar:

- November 2nd**
Executive Board
11:00 AM | CONFERENCE ROOM
- November 9th**
UMW Monthly Gathering
10:30 AM | FOUNDERS HALL

upcoming events:

- December 4th**
Caroling for Shut-Ins
2:00 PM | MEET AT SDUMC
- December 7th**
Executive Board
11:00 AM | CONFERENCE ROOM
- December 10th**
UMW Christmas Tea
1:30 PM | CONFERENCE ROOM
- January 21st**
SAN DIEGO DISTRICT
Annual Training
of Local Officers

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November 20th
**Peanut Butter
 Sunday**



Don't forget to add POTATOES & STUFFING to your grocery list this month so you can bring it to church on Sunday, November 20th. (Every month is also PEANUT BUTTER month.) There will be a collection box in the entrance to Founders Hall. Thanks so much for your assistance!

CHURCH
 & SOCIETY

Endowment Fund Challenge

Our church has a number of gift and endowment funds. Interest from these funds have provided money for scholarships and missions. But we have needed a fund that could be used for other purposes or just to help supplement the budget during a tough financial year. LORRAINE TSCHAECHER recently set up a general endowment fund which could be used for undesignated purposes. She also put forth a challenge: if members of the congregation give this fund another \$5000 by the end of this year, she will match it. SO, if the spirit moves you, please donate whatever you can to this endowment fund so that by the end of the year our new fund will have \$15,000! If we meet this challenge, then we can begin using the interest.



Thanks!
 WILLY GINAVEN
 Chair—Gifts and Endowments